Public Notice – Approval of Water Quality Management Planning Actions

Notice of action: The State Water Control Board (Board) is considering the approval of six TMDL implementation plans (TMDL IPs) and granting authorization to include the TMDL implementation plans in the appropriate Water Quality Management Plans (WQMPs).

Purpose of notice: The Board is seeking comment on the proposed approvals and authorizations. The purpose of these actions is to approve six TMDL IPs as Virginia's plans for the management actions necessary for attainment of water quality goals in several impaired waterbodies. These actions are taken in accordance with the Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning.

Public comment period: February 16, 2009-March 16, 2009

Description of proposed action: DEQ staff intends to recommend 1) that the State Water Control Board approve the TMDL IPs listed below as Virginia's plans for the management actions necessary for attainment of water quality goals in the impaired segments, and 2) that the DEQ Director authorize inclusion of the TMDL IPs in the appropriate WQMPs. No regulatory amendments are required for theseTMDL IPs.

The TMDL IPs listed below were developed in accordance with the 1997 Water Quality Monitoring, Information and Restoration Act (WQMIRA, §62.1-44.19:4 through 19:8 of the Code of Virginia) and federal recommendations.   The TMDL IPs were developed in accordance with DEQ's Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning. Extensive public participation was solicited during the development of the plans, and the public comment process provided the affected stakeholders with opportunities for comment on the proposed plans. The final TMDL IPs can be found at

https://www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDLDataSearch/ReportSearch.jspx

Affected Waterbodies and Localities:

In the Tennessee /Big Sandy River Basin:

"Dumps Creek Implementation Plan" – proposes management actions needed to restore the aquatic life use in Dumps Creek, Russell County.

In the James River Basin:

"Spring Creek, Briery Creek, Bush River, Little Sandy Creek and Saylers Creek TMDL Implementation Plan– proposes management actions needed to restore the primary contact (swimming) use in the Spring Creek watershed, Prince Edward and Amelia Counties.

"Looney Creek E. coli TMDL Implementation Plan - – proposes management actions needed to restore the primary contact (swimming) use in Looney Creek, Botetourt County.

In the Roanoke River Basin:

"Falling River TMDL Implementation Plan" – proposes management actions needed to restore the primary contact (swimming) use in Falling River, Campbell and Appomattox Counties.

In the Potomac/Shenandoah River Basin:

"Mill and Hawksbill Creek TMDL Implementation Plan" – proposes management actions needed to restore the primary contact (swimming) use in Mill and Hawksbill Creeks, Page County.

"Water Quality Implementation Plan for Blacks Run and Cooks Creek" – Proposes management actions needed to restore the primary contact (swimming) use and aquatic life use in Blacks Run and Cooks Creek, Rockingham and Harrisonburg Counties.

How to comment: The DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax and postal mail. All written comments must include the full name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ by 5 p.m. on the last day of the comment period.

How a decision is made: After comments have been considered, the board will make the final decision.

To review documents: The TMDL implementation plans are available on the DEQ web site at https://www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDLDataSearch/ReportSearch.jspx and by contacting the DEQ representative named below. The electronic copies are in PDF format and may be read online or downloaded.

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